

REMARKS

Status of the Application

Claims 1-23 and 25-28 are all the claims that have been examined in the application. Claims 1-5, 12, 13, and 18-23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claims 6-11, 14-17 and 25-28 are allowed.

By this Amendment, Applicants are amending claims 1 and 18.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

Claims 1-5, 12, 13, and 18-23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement.

Applicants have amended claims 1 and 18 in order to cure the deficiencies noted in the Final Office Action dated September 27, 2006 and the Advisory Action dated January 16, 2007. Thus, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c)
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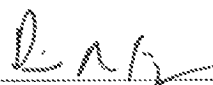
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